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TITLE: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN INVOLVED IN THE SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION
CASCADE LEADING TO SYSTEMIC ACQUIRED RESISTANCE IN PLANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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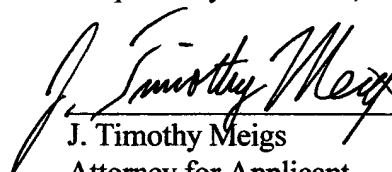
Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and commencement of substantive examination of the
above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted,



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